

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. This is an Examiner's statement of reason for allowance.
2. Regarding the claimed terms, the Examiner notes that a "general term must be understood in the context in which the inventor presents it." *In re Glaug* 283 F.3d 1335, 1340, 62 USPQ2d 1151, 1154 (Fed. Cir. 2002). Therefore the Examiner must interpret the claimed terms as found on pages 1-41 of the specification. Clearly almost all the general terms in the claims may have multiple meanings. So where a claim term "is susceptible to various meanings, . . . the inventor's lexicography must prevail . . ." *Id.* Using these definitions for the claims, the claimed invention was not reasonably found in the prior art.
3. The closest prior art Gever et al (U.S. Pat. No. 6,329,994) which discloses a computer animation system/method for generating and supplying to a display an image signal for displaying a player object. However, Gever singularly or in combination discloses the recited feature:
4. As per claims 1, 6, 8, 11, 17, and 19 "a jump code detector that detects the jump code included in the land object image data for displaying the land object in the vicinity of said player object, a moving speed detector for detecting a moving speed of the player object being controlled by the user, jump distance calculating programmed logic circuitry for calculating a jump distance of the player object based on the moving speed, and animation data output programmed logic circuitry outputting animation data to

cause the player object to automatically jump over one of said hollow and said hole formed by the land object image data according to said jump distance when the jump code is detected”.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Pierre E. Elisca whose telephone number is 571 272 6706. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 to 5:00. Hotelier.

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